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SUBJECT: OCTOBER 1 TCWP MEETING ON PROBLEMS OF
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1. SUMMARY: OCTOBER 1 MEETING WAS CHARACTERIZED BY DIVERGENT OPINIONS ON SEVERAL POINTS OF COMMODITY WORK PROGRAMS WITH CANADA AND FRG ATTEMPTING TO CHANGE BASIC DIRECTION OF GROUP'S WORK. FOR NOVEMBER MEETING SECRETARIAT WILL PREPARE (A) NEW NOTE CONSISTING OF ELABORATION OF "PROBLEMS" SECTION OF TFD/TD/795 BASED ON TCWP DISCUSSION AND (B) DRAFT REPORT TO TC. NOVEMBER MEETING WILL ALSO CONSIDER WORK WHICH COULD BE DONE IN TCWP TO PREPARE FOR UNCTAD COMMODITIES MEETING IN FEBRUARY. END SUMMARY

2. IN ALL-DAY SESSION, TCWP CONDUCTED FULL DISCUSSION OF SECTION IV (IDENTIFICATION OF PROBLEMS) OF SECRETARIAT NOTE. ALTHOUGH THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT IN MANY AREAS, DIVERGENCIES OF VIEWS DEVELOPED QUICKLY OVER TWO ISSUES. CANADIAN AND GERMAN DELS EXPRESSED DESIRE THAT GROUP DEVOTE ITS EFFORTS PRIMARILY TO DEVELOPING

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DEFENSE TO RECENT UNCTAD PROPOSALS SUCH AS INDEXATION.

CANADIANS DID NOT SEE POINT OF COMMODITY STUDIES BY TC AND OBJECTED TO DISCUSSING POSSIBLE SOLUTION TO COMMODITY PROBLEMS. OTHER DELS, INCLUDING US, SAW GROUP'S WORK AS MAINLY EXPLORATION OF COMMODITY PROBLEMS FACING OECD, ALTHOUGH UNCTAD PROPOSALS NEEDED TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT. CANADIANS PERSISTED DESPITE REMINDERS BY SECRETARIAT AND OTHER DELS THAT THIS ISSUE (UNCTAD DEFENSE) WAS BEING HANDLED IN ANOTHER CONTEXT, AND WAS NOT IN TC MANDATE. DIFFERENCES WERE FINALLY RESOLVED ON BASIS OF CHAIRMAN'S (GUYOT) PROPOSAL TO DISCUSS UNCTAD ISSUES AT NOVEMBER AND POSSIBLE LATER MEETINGS, PERHAPS IN DECEMBER AND JANUARY.

3. ON SUBJECT OF COMMODITY COVERAGE OF TCWP WORK, UK AND AUSTRIA MADE STRONG STATEMENTS IN FAVOR OF OMITTING FOODSTUFFS TO AVOID DUPLICATING ON-GOING WORK, WFC, ETC. AUSTRALIANS RESPONDED THAT THEY WOULD HAVE TO RESERVE POSITION IF ANY COMMODITIES CATEGORICALLY EXCLUDED. CONFLICT WAS RESOLVED IN CHAIRMAN'S SUMMATION OF CONSENSUS THAT SECRETARIAT WOULD CHOOSE PRODUCTS AND NCNE WOULD BE EXCLUDED FROM EVENTUAL CONSIDERATION A PRIORI. OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH SECRETARIAT INDICATE THAT NO IN-DEPTH WORK WILL BE UNDERTAKEN, HOWEVER, BEFORE NEXT MEETING OF TRADE COMMITTEE.

4. DISCUSSION OF KEY COMMODITY PROBLEMS REVEALED NEAR-UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT THAT SUPPLY ACCESS WAS MOST IMPORTANT ONE. FRENCH PLACED EQUAL EMPHASIS ON PRICE. US SUGGESTION THAT SECRETARIAT NOTE KEY FACTORS WHICH COULD MAKE "DEPENDENCY" A PROBLEM, SUCH AS LACK OF SOURCE DIVERSITY, COMPETITION, AVAILABLE STOCKS, RESERVES, AND SUBSTITUTES, WAS SUPPORTED BY FRANCE, UK, AUSTRALIANS, AND FRD. US ALSO SUGGESTED THAT PROCESSING SECTION BE EXPANDED TO INCLUDE ANALYSIS OF TRADE BARRIERS TO PROCESSED PRODUCT EXPORTS. THIS WAS ALSO ACCEPTED. SECRETARIAT REPULSED UK AND GERMAN SUGGESTIONS FOR CLOSER CONNECTION OF EXPORT CONTROL AND COMMODITY DISCUSSIONS WITH REMINDER OF SEPARATE MANDATES FROM TC.

5. SUGGESTIONS BY DELS FOR WORK TO PREPARE FOR UNCTAD COMMODITIES MEETING INCLUDED COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF INTENSIVE CONSULTATION RESULTS (US, EXAMINATION OF "INTEGRATED COMMODITIES PROGRAM" (FRD), AND STUDY OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WHAT RESULTS WOULD HAVE BEEN IF "INDEXATION" HAD BEEN IN EFFECT DURING LAST 15 YEARS (CANADA). NETHERLANDS URGED LESS DEFENSIVE APPROACH TO ANALYZING UNCTAD PROPOSALS AND PROPOSED OECD DEVELOP POSITIVE ALTERNATIVES. GERMANS RESPONDED THAT DC'S MUST TAKE THE DEFENSIVE WHEN "ATTACKED". ISSUE OF WORK IN THIS AREA WILL BE TAKEN UP AGAIN AT NOVEMBER MEETING.

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